



***“JOURNEY THROUGH THE HEALING CIRCLE”*— A DSHS VIDEO SERIES THAT HELPS PARENTS & FAMILIES DEAL WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME**

The “*Journey Through the Healing Circle*” series has attracted national and international attention, having won the Emerald City Gold award for excellence in an informational video, the Neal Shipman award for editing, the Telly Award for film and video production, and the National Videographic Award for outstanding educational video.

“Already we’ve received tribal requests for the videos from as far away as Montana and South Dakota and even Canada,” according to Carolyn Morrison, manager of the DSHS Foster Home Licensing Program.

The videos, compact discs, and books are not only for Native Americans. Of the children seen in Washington clinics, approximately 50 percent are Caucasian, 23 percent are Native American, and 11 percent are African American. By presenting the information using traditional Native American storytelling techniques, the authors were able to present this much-needed information to families across all walks of life in a way that is appealing to cross-cultural audiences.

“We hope to get them into the hands of pediatricians and others who work with children as well,” said Morrison.

HOW TO GET A COPY:

- **DSHS has already made the video series available for checkout from local libraries across the state.**
- **The series also is available from the Foster Parent Training Institute. Call 1-800-662-9111 or 206-725-9696.**
- **Books accompanying the video can be downloaded from the DSHS Internet website at www.wa.gov/dshs/fosterparents**

About DSHS, which produced “*Journey Through the Healing Circle*”

- DSHS is an umbrella agency of state government – a family of interrelated programs that provide help for children, families, senior citizens, and people with physical and health challenges.
- It provides services to about 1.3 million people, approximately one in five of Washington state residents and up to half the people in some counties.
- Among DSHS employees, 96 percent provide direct services and the remaining 4 percent manage the business of the agency.
- For more information about DSHS, see the DSHS web page: <http://www.wa.gov/dshs/indetail/>